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Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule(s) 1.322 and or 1.323.

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In view of the foregoing, your request, in this matter, is hereby denied.

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- A. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.117(h) (currently \$130);
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